

SPOROBOLUS ASPER IN QUEBEC.—St. Paul Island (more familiarly called Nuns' Island) is one of the few spots around Montreal which has retained much of its primitive flora. This is why I began a few years ago to compile a list of plants from that island.

In August, 1943, on the rocky shores of the St. Lawrence River I collected a strange *Sporobolus* that did not fit well with the species then known for Quebec. Specimens, studied by Brother Rolland-Germain, proved to be *Sporobolus asper* (Michx.) Kunth. Dr. M. L. Fernald has kindly corroborated this identification.

This *Sporobolus* had been collected previously in nearly all of the northern States adjacent to Quebec. This collection is, then, a very interesting addition to the Canadian flora. It was growing with *Verbena simplex* Lehm. (known from only three localities in Quebec) and *Scutellaria parvula* Michx. (rare in the Montreal region, although Michaux's type had been collected there).

Specimens have been deposited in the Victorin Herbarium of the University of Montreal and in the Gray Herbarium of Harvard University. Duplicates will be sent to other institutions on our next distribution of duplicates. The known distribution is as follows: southwestern Quebec, Massachusetts, Vermont and eastern New York, south to eastern Virginia; Ohio to North Dakota, south to Tennessee, Louisiana and Texas.

Other plants of this flora worthy of mention are *Carex Sprengelii* Dewey (forming a dense grassy carpet at the top of the shore-line), *Floerkea proserpinacoides* Willd. (fairly abundant in a damp *Ulmus americana* wood, and the only known locality in Quebec). Both species will be distributed in the next century of the *Plantae Exsiccatae Grayanae*. In a marsh along the shore there was a great abundance of *Decodon verticillatus* (L.) Ell., var. *laevigatus* Torr. & Gray, also infrequent in Quebec.—ERNEST ROULEAU, Institut Botanique, Université de Montréal.

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